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As the memory and example of the just are often blest to survivors, affording encouragement to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," we have believed it right to preserve a memorial of our beloved departed friend, Ann Comfort, who was for several years a resident and esteemed member among us, and deceased within the compass of this Monthly Meeting.

She was the daughter of religious parents, Robert and Elizabeth Eastburn, of Solebury Township, in Bucks Co., Penna., and was born on the 27th day of the 12th month, 1774. About the age of six years, being deprived of her mother by death, her early training devolved on her father and a pious relative who came to reside in the family, until near the tenth year of her age, when her father was united in marriage to a worthy Friend, who proved a true helpmeet to him and a mother to his children. Being thus favored with careful oversight, and having a dutiful and yielding disposition, she was preserved from many snares and temptations into which unrestrained or disobedient youth often fall. Through her long life she retained a grateful sense of this parental care. In the 24th year

said, "Yes"—then, with much difficulty, added, "Example—example—children—children." It was understood to imply that she was concerned for the present and eternal welfare of the individual, and wished him to be encouraged to be a good example to the children; and on this being intimated to her, she nodded assent, and appeared entirely relieved.

Although her bodily sufferings increased, she seemed to be raised above them; and the peaceful serenity of her countenance indicated that the sting of death was taken away. About the time of her departure, a sweet feeling of peaceful solemnity prevailed, inciting to the adoption of the language, "Oh that I might die the death of the righteous, and that my latter end might be like his!" Her close was so quiet, that not a distorted feature indicated the time when the happy spirit took its flight.

Thus peacefully departed our beloved friend, on the 19th of the ninth month, 1867, in the ninety-third year of her age, in remarkable greenness of intellect for so advanced a pilgrimage. We believe that in her was fulfilled the declaration, "They that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God; they shall still bring forth fruit in old age;" and the language of her example may well be, "Follow me, as I have endeavored to follow Christ."

Read and approved in our Monthly Meeting held in Philadelphia, the 18th of eleventh month, 1868, and signed on behalf thereof, by

WM. HODGSON, *Clerk.*

Read and approved at our General Meeting of Friends for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, etc., held at Fallsington, Bucks County, Penna., by adjournments, on the 8th and 9th of the twelfth month, 1868.

JOS. E. MAULE, *Clerk.*

